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Mr. G. S. McCreless

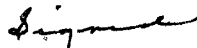


Dear Mr. McCreless:

The White House has referred your letter of 15 December 1947, addressed to the President of the United States, to this Agency for a reply. Your interest and concern that the United States have a strong intelligence organization is much appreciated.

The National Security Act of 1947, established, for the first time in our peace time history, a Central Intelligence Agency. I am enclosing a copy of the National Security Act, and call your attention to Section 102 thereof, which establishes this Agency, and sets forth its functions. If you will note from Section 102 (A) (3), the law specifically provides: "that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal-security functions."

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "L. B. Nichols".

Director of Central Intelligence

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